

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

These Remarks are responsive to the Office Action mailed February 14, 2005 ("Office Action"). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections of claims 1-7, 12, 15-20, 22 and 23 for at least the following reasons.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 8, 13 and 21 are cancelled by this Response. Claims 24-27 have been added by this Response. Claims 1-7, 12, 15-20, and 22-27 are currently pending in the present application.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 8-11, 13, 14 and 21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have incorporated the subject matter of claims 8, 13 and 21 into independent claims 1, 12 and 19, respectively. Applicants have incorporated the subject matter of claims 9-11 and 14 into new independent claims 24-27, respectively.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Each independent claim 1, 12, 19, and 24-27 now contain subject matter that the Examiner has indicated is allowable. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the prior rejections of the claims are moot. Applicant respectfully requests an indication that all the pending claims are in condition for allowance.


A check covering the fees in connection with the filing of this Response is enclosed. However, if it is determined that additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit any difference to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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